IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

ROBERT ALVAREZ ET AL.

Serial No. 08/964518 (TI-19177)

Filed November 5, 1997

For: STABILIZER/SPACER FOR SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Art Unit 2811

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## **AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

In response to the Office action dated March 26, 1999, please amend the above identified application as follows:

## In the claims:

Amend claim 1 as follows:

- 1. (Twice Amended) A leadframe/stabilizer for use with semiconductor devices, comprising:
- (a) an electrically conductive leadframe having a central semiconductor diereceiving region and a plurality of leadframe leads extending outwardly from said central die-receiving region; and